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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/791,382

Group Art Unit: 3663

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Examiner: Ari M. DIACOU

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For: A DOPED-RING AMPLIFYING OPTICAL FIBER, AND AN AMPLIFIER  
CONTAINING SUCH A FIBER

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

Responsive to the restriction requirement stated in paragraph 1 of the Office action, applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group II, claims 1-10. Responsive to the election requirement stated in paragraph 3 of the Office action, applicants elect a fiber base material composition of silica, an oxide dopant composition of MgO, and elemental dopants of germanium, phosphorus, or germanium and phosphorus. Claims readable on the elected species include all of claims 1-10. This election of species requirement is traversed on the grounds that the only basis for the requirement is to facilitate examination, which while understandable is not